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In re application of:

John I. Shipp et al.

Serial No: 10/619,987

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For: SURGICAL LIGATION CLIP AND
METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

Confirmation No.: 8851

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Michael H. Thaler

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to the Restriction Requirement dated June 12, 2007 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) with Form PTO-1449 and 6 documents are enclosed.
- ☒ The total amount of \$180.00 to cover the IDS fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1068.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1068. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated June 12, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-35 and 39-41) and Group II (claims 36-38). In response thereto, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-35 and 39-41, drawn to a surgical ligation clip.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

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